

REMARKS

In response to the Official Action dated 9/8/2004, the above-identified application has been amended. Review and reconsideration are requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 5 and 13 were rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, citing several antecedent basis problems. Applicant has amended the claims accordingly and believes the claims now overcome the rejection thereto. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bech et al; claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bech et al. in view of Evans. The examiner indicated claims 3, 4, 8 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten to include the base and intervening claims.

Applicant has amended the claims accordingly rendering claims 3, 8 and 12 the independent claims with all other claims depending directly or indirectly therefrom and believes the claims are now in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 2-8 and 10-13 is requested at as early a date as possible. This is intended to be complete response to the Official Action dated 9/8/2004.

Respectfully submitted,


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